recommended the proposal submitted by MAHYCO on Bt cotton for consideration of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC), also set up under these Rules.

The GEAC, at its meeting held on 19.6.2001, observed that the data generated on large scale field trials on Bt cotton undertaken by MAHYCO could not reflect the true values because of late showing. It was decided that the trials be repeated on a larger scale under the direct supervision of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research under their Advanced Varietal Trials of the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project. In addition, GEAC has accorded approval to MAHYCO for conducting field trials on farmers' fields in an area of about 100 hectares.

Employment opportunities through Education System

†1432. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the present education system would remain effective for future citizens of the country in getting employment opportunities during ensuing decade and century;

(b) whether there is a need for drastic changes in the education system; and

(c) whether the present education structure is not proving much useful to provide employment opportunities, if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.